

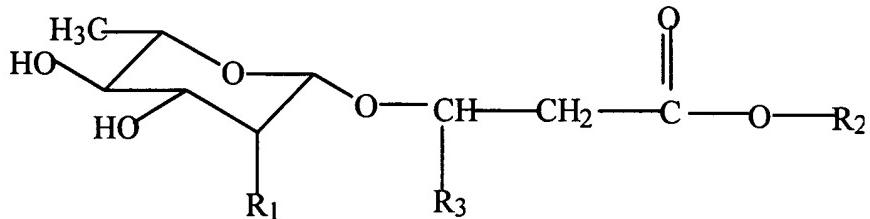
IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of Claims in the application:

Claims 1-25 (Cancelled)

26. (Currently amended) A method ~~to treat signs of aging of the skin for treating age-associated signs of the skin, the method comprising:~~

~~administering to a subject in need of a treatment for having age-associated signs of aging of the skin, an effective amount of a composition comprising as an active ingredient, one or more rhamnolipids of Formula I:~~



wherein R<sup>1</sup> = H, unsubstituted α-L-rhamnopyranosyl, α.-L-rhamnopyranosyl substituted at the 2 position with a group of formula -O-C(=O)-CH=CH-R<sub>5</sub>, or -O-C(=O)-CH=CH-R<sub>5</sub>;

R<sup>2</sup> = H, lower alkyl, -CHR<sub>4</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-COOH or -CHR<sub>4</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-COOR<sub>6</sub>;

R<sup>3</sup> = -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>x</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, wherein x = 4-19;

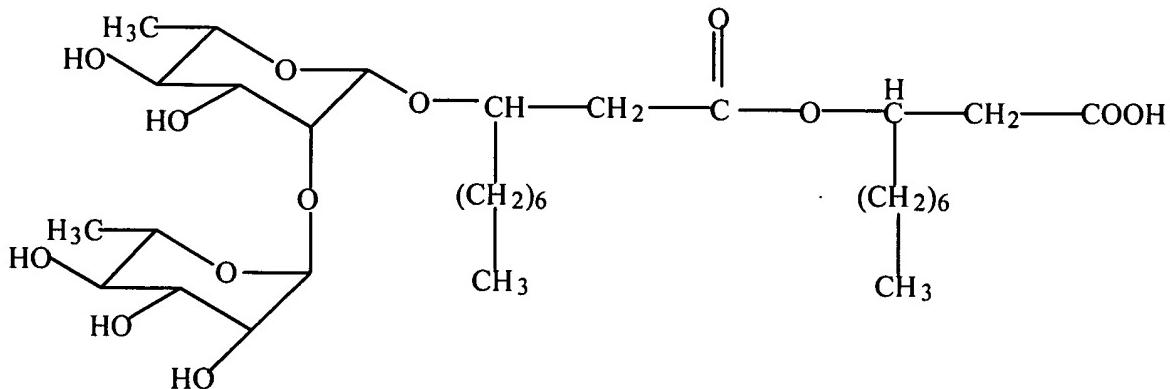
R<sup>4</sup> = -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>y</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, wherein y = 1-19;

R<sup>5</sup> = (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>z</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, wherein z = 1-12; and

R<sup>6</sup> = lower alkyl,

thereby wherein the compound of formula I promoting promotes re-epithelialization of the skin and thereby treating age-associated signs of aging of the skin.

27. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein said rhamnolipid of Formula 1 is  $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl-(1,2)- $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl)-3-hydroxydecanoyl-3-hydroxydecanoic acid having the following formula:



28. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 26, wherein the one or more rhamnolipids of Formula 1 are selected from the group consisting of compounds of Formula 1 wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> =  $-O-C(=O)-CH=CH-R_5$ , R<sup>2</sup> =  $-CHR_4-CH_2-COOH$ , R<sup>3</sup> =  $-(CH_2)_6-CH_3$ , R<sup>4</sup> =  $-(CH_2)_2-CH_3$ , and R<sup>5</sup> =  $-(CH_2)_6-CH_3$ ;

R<sup>1</sup> =  $\alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl substituted at the 2-position by  $-O-C(=O)-CH=CH-R^5$ , R<sup>2</sup> =  $-CHR^4-CH_2-COOCH_3$ , R<sup>3</sup> =  $(CH_2)_6-CH_3$ , R<sup>4</sup> =  $-(CH_2)_6-CH_3$ , and R<sup>5</sup> =  $-(CH_2)_6-CH_3$ ;

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AMENDMENT B

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$R^1 = -O-C(=O)-CH = CH-R_5$ ,  $R^2 = -CHR_4-CH_2-COOCH_3$ ,  $R^3 = -(CH_2)_6-CH_3$ ,  
 $R^4 = -(CH_2)_2-CH_3$ , and  $R^5 = -(CH_2)_6-CH_3$ ; and

$R^1 = \alpha$ -L-rhamnopyranosyl substituted at the 2-position by  $-O-C(=O)-CH=CH-R^5$ ,  $R^2 = -CHR^4-CH_2-COOCH_3$ ,  $R^3 = -(CH_2)_6-CH_3$ ,  $R^4 = -(CH_2)_6-CH_3$ , and  $R^5 = -(CH_2)_6-CH_3$ .